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SUBJECT: REPORTED GULF OIL PAYMENTS STIRS INTEREST

1. PRESS STORIES JAN 6 REPORTING THAT THREE UNNAMED DUTCHMEN (A JOURNALIST, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EXPERT, AND A SOCIALIST MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) HAD BEEN ON GULF OIL PAYROLL IN ADVISORY CAPACITY HAVE CREATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HERE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM LABOR PARTY FLOOR LEADER IN SECOND CHAMBER, FONMIN ANNOUNCED THAT DUTCH AMBASSADOR WILL BE ASKED TO COME UP WITH NAMES. WE HAVE HAD QUERIES FROM MEDAI AS WELL AS ONE FROM PRIMIN'S OFFICE.

3. WHILE NESPAPER ACCOUNTS DO NOT QUESTION LEGALITY OF GULF PAYING FOR ADVICE (APPARENTLY ON HOW TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTION TO ITS ROTTERDAM REFINERY), THERE IS IMPLICATION OF IMPROPRIETY IN REPORT THAT SOME OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTED CASH PAYMENTS BE MADE OUTSIDE NETHERLANDS. IF A LABOR PARTY PARLIAMENTARIAN IS IDENTIFIED, HE WILL ALSO HAVE TO ANSWER FOR FACT THAT HE DID NOT LIST GULF CONNECTION IN PUBLIC REPORT OF OUTSIDE INCOME.
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